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Assume CA4956 despatched before receipt EMBTEL 792.
Concerned Foreign Office official now adds: Soviet approach includes request maintenance refueling and repair facilities. Request envisages use THY services for this. He against anything other than overflight permission since not required by Montreaux Convention and not necessary but decision will rest with Council Ministers. Believes Soviets have obtained rights Beirut.

Our representations to date limited to encouragement above limitation at working level on basis no reciprocal advantages included. After receipt status report from Beirut Department may wish decide whether basis exists for higher level representation here.

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